## BOCCE BALL RULES:

RULES To Play for Retreat:_Although there are many different rules governing the play of Bocce, the following rules will be played at the Retreat for continuity of team play.

## RETREAT BOCCE BALL RULES as follows:

## Each team will appoint "a Captain" of the team.

1. The 2 captains flip a coin to determine who goes first.
2. The winning captain will roll the Pallino (small white ball) to just passed the half court line (midline). If ball fails to pass mid-line within 2 attempts, the opposing team throws the Pallino ball.
3. The winning captain will then roll his first regular ball.
4. The opposing captain (or a teammate) will then roll a ball attempting to get closer to the Pallino than the original captain's ball. If successful, the original captain (or a teammate) will attempt to get closest to the Pallino. A team continues to roll until it is closest or has used its 4 balls.
5. Points are scored when each team has rolled their 4 balls. If a team has the closest ball to the Pallino, they score 1 point. If they have the 2 closest balls they score 2 points. If the 3 closest -they score 3 points and if the 4 closest, they score 4 .
6. The team that scores the point starts the next frame of game.
7. On a 2 person team, each player throws 2 balls from the end of the court. Player must stay behind the first white line while throwing.
8. On a 3 person team, 1 player rolls 2 balls from the end of the court and the other 2 players roll 1 ball each from the end of the court.
9. On 4 person teams each player can roll 1 ball from the end of the court OR 2 players roll 2 balls each from the end of the court; and the other 2 players on other team roll 2 balls each from the end of the court. Each team determines the order in which they roll.
10. The whole court is in play. If the Pallino leaves the court, it is replaced at its point of exit. A regular ball leaving the court is not replaced. If a regular ball hits the back wall (since the whole court is in play)-that ball is still in play.
11. A game can be played to any predetermined number. Generally, a score of $10,12,15$ is used. Unless agreed before a match, the winning team must win by 2 points.

Rules courtesy of Barry Mussatto.

## TO KEEP OUR BOCCE BALL COURTS IN GOOD CONDITION:

Please do not walk on courts when switching from one side to the other. Walk on courts only when necessary. There is a walkway in-between to be used when switching or going to the other side.

Thanks for your cooperation.

